

Friday 21 March 2025
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Dear Parents

Yr.12 Chalke Valley History Festival trip – Tuesday 24 June 2025

I am organising an exciting trip to The Chalke Valley History Festival on Tuesday 24 June 2025. The Chalke Valley History Festival is an annual, week-long celebration of the past, which offers talks from experts and leading historians, and shows of living history. Although the final programme is yet to be finalised, the day is aimed at KS4 and KS5 students and will cover topics such as medieval and Tudor society, the Crusades, English Civil War, History of Medicine, the Second World War and Cold War.

The site is fully enclosed, but it is in a field, so appropriate clothing and footwear is essential, as is keeping a close eye on the weather forecast in the lead up to the day! Students will also need to bring their own lunches, although there are lots of places to buy food and drink.

Travel will be by coach with the trip leaving from St John's at 08.00hrs on Tuesday 24 June 2025 and returning to St John's at approx. 16.45hrs. **Parents should make their own travel arrangements for students to and from St John's.**

The cost of the trip is £50.00, to secure your son/daughters place on the trip **an initial deposit of £25.00** will be required on or before **Thursday 3 April 2025** Followed by a **further payment of £25.00** required **on or before Friday 2 May 2025.**

In case of financial hardship, students, Bursary Fund grants should be used towards the cost of this trip. To qualify for Bursary funding, attendance needs to be 95% or above and awards are dependent upon household income levels. If your son/daughter has not already applied, an application form can be obtained from the school. Proof of household income will need to be supplied to support the application.

Payment should be made online through ParentPay; if you have mislaid your log in details, please contact Mrs Shirley Woodburn on 01672 519567 or by emailing swoodburn@stjohns.excalibur.org.uk

Please be advised that by signing-up your child up to a school trip you are entering into a financial agreement with St John's to pay the full cost of the trip by the due date advised. Once places have been confirmed trip payments will be non-returnable unless the school cancels the trip.

Please note that should parental request withdraw a student unless for a substantiated medical reason, parents will be liable for the full cost of the trip. All such withdrawals should be discussed, in the first instance, with Mrs Pauline Marshall-Thomas via trips@stjohns.excalibur.org.uk or DD 01672 518896.

It is imperative that the students who we take on the trip are responsible and can follow instructions. We cannot take students who have had any exclusions this academic year or a substantial amount of negative behaviour points.

The organisation of all trips includes a comprehensive risk assessment. The Principal and Trip Organiser may choose to exclude from the trip any students whose behaviour or schoolwork is not satisfactory. *Any student withdrawn by St John's for these reasons will be at the expense of the parents. It is not possible to guarantee any refund of monies already committed by St John's and indeed expenses not already covered may be claimed from you.*

Please be aware that the medical information and contact details for your son/daughter that you have supplied for St John's records are printed and taken on the trip by the trip leader and their deputy in case an emergency arises. They are also supplied to the member of the Senior Leadership Team that is point of contact for the trip. The printouts are destroyed once the trip is over. By applying for a place on the trip, you are giving your consent for this information to be used for this purpose.

If your child is either asthmatic or has anaphylaxis, they must ensure that they always carry their inhaler or EpiPen on them during the trip.

Deposit payment and permission must be received by 15.00hrs on Thursday 3 April 2025 at the latest.

Yours faithfully

**Mrs B Bryant
History Department**